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JESUS, THE SAVIOUR

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

(Luke 2:7-14)

CHRISTMAS WITH A SAVIOUR

Pastor E. W. Storie

Christmas Season comes once again and finds the world in desperate need, just as it did in His birth of long ago. The world was in terrible turmoil because of the oppression of Rome, and especially of Herod, their king.

Matthew announces the words of the angel, "She shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Isaiah has already told us that his name would be called Immanuel, God with us. The very fact that he was God gives us to understand that he is able for the condition and with Him all things are possible. The prophets foretold us of what he would be and what he would do when he came.

To just pick one verse of scripture does not give us a real understanding of the purpose of God and His plans in coming into the world, in the form of a Babe, to manifest himself as God with his people. Jesus was more than a man. He was God himself, clothed in a human body. He came in the same way as you and I, but he had a purpose in his life. There was a work that was necessary to be done and he came to do it.

Daniel gives us an understanding of this in Daniel 9:24-26. There he tells us that the Messiah would come to make an end of sin. Now you understand as well as I do that this was God's side of the sin-question. He was coming to reconcile man to God, by the putting away of man's sins, once and for all, by the sacrifice of himself. Calvary was no mistake. It was fore-ordained of God, and here we are told that he would, "make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness". He did that very thing, because he who knew no sin, became sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Christ.

Have you ever thought how little Christmas really means to the world? As long as they do not know Him as their Saviour, as their righteousness, as the One who has reconciled them to God,

His birth would be no more than the birth of any other child. But he was the looked-for Messiah. He was the Prince of Peace. Without Him there is no peace, not even between God and man.

The world wonders why there is so much strife and war, and do not take time to understand that it is all because God is not given his rightful place in the hearts of men, as well as in the government of this world. The Government can never be good as long as the people are unconverted, have never been born again, and do not let God have right of way in their lives. The fullness of Christmas will never be realized until Jesus reigns and rules in righteousness.

Again we turn to Isaiah 9:6-7, and there it tells us, "a son is born, his name shall be called Wonder-

why God doesn't do something and Israel, because of their bondage, having a Roman Governor, looked for a deliverer from the power of Rome, from the troubles of the world, but never looked for a deliverer from sin. You see even in the lives of the early disciples, before Pentecost, their whole question was, Will God restore the kingdom of Israel. It was not will God send us a Saviour? Will God save us from our sins? Yet their very scriptures tell us that he would bring in everlasting righteousness, but they only looked for a righteousness of earthly rulers, instead of looking for a righteousness which is by Jesus Christ.

God starts things different to what men do. He starts at the very fountain-head of trouble. He starts with the sin-question. Jesus shall save his people from their sins. That is where the work needed to start because as long as men and women are followers of Satan there will never be righteousness in the world. Satan was the very author of disobedience. He brought disobedience to Eve in the garden. They followed him; they became mortals, that is they were death doomed. Hebrews 2:13-14 tells us they feared death all their life, because Satan had the power of death, so Jesus came to deal with Satan. We are told that we were born in sin and shapen in iniquity. Ephesians 2:2 says, "we were children of disobedience", but Jesus, as Prince of Peace, must defeat spiritual wickedness for us. There can never be universal peace on earth without first the over-throw of Satanic powers.

There is peace in our hearts when we believe on Jesus Christ, for He made peace by the blood of His cross. That is real Christmas indeed. People who have been born again know what it is to have peace that passeth all understanding.

The sin-question was first settled by God reconciling us to himself, not imputing our trespasses unto us, and peace will come through the everlasting righteousness which is not for just time but for

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ful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." How many go to Him as the Counselor? They go to everybody else in the world except to the Lord. How many recognize Jesus Christ as the Mighty God? According to the language of the world you would say that they never think of Him as God or the Everlasting Father, let alone the Prince of Peace. But I am glad to the Christian, the child of God, He is our peace and we look for no other peace in this world until Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords and that will not be in the days of the church. Israel did not look for any of these things. They were just like the world today. They wonder

Field Reports



YORKTON, SASK.

In the month of September we had the privilege of having Brother Bob Larden with us. It was a difficult time, as the folks were harvesting. His ministry was enjoyed and the saints were built up.

In October (up to 25th) we had Brother and Sister Foggo. The first two weeks they were in Springside, in the United Church, with a good turnout. The last week was spent in Yorkton. Considering a widely advertised American Evangelist was in town, the turnout was good. We all profitted.

We have just finished a three weeks' campaign with the Dahlke Evangelistic Party and God certainly blessed. The attendance was good throughout. No visible results but the saints were certainly encouraged.

To any pastor needing a campaign, I would certainly recommend these talented young people. May God continue to bless their ministry.

In December we are expecting Brother Kudra, in January the Elisses, in February Brother and Sister Reynolds.

—Pastor R. W. Beeston.

While the world is unaware of the privileges of believers, few believers themselves seem to realize the greatness of those privileges.

Character is what a man is in the dark.

ORILLIA, ONT.

We have just concluded a grand campaign with our brother, Evangelist Abraham Kudra. It was a joy to see new faces and interest in these special meetings.

The congregation enjoyed to the full the unique instrumentals by Brother Kudra. He played several instruments which included the electric Spanish and steel guitars, electric piano-accordion and the

electric trem-trol (electric organ in miniature). His vocal numbers were appreciated very much also.

Our prayer is that the Lord will use our brother in a wonderful way as he exalts the name of our Lord Jesus. He has a God-anointed ministry and we know that God's blessing will rest upon him as he labors in the Lord's vineyard. We heartily recommend him anywhere.

Rev. R. A. Dawson.

REGINA, SASK.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, November 1st, it was our privilege to have with us, Brother D. N. Jamieson, out-going missionary to Africa.

We were convinced of his earnestness and zeal in his desire to answer the call. We pray God's blessing upon Brother Jamieson, his wife and two children as they prepare to go to the land of their calling.

Pastor G. E. Brooks.

LAUNCH OUT

"Launch out, my beloved,
It is our Lord's command;
There are waters to swim in,
So lose sight of the land.

"Do not linger with the fearful,
Do not mind the boisterous wave;
I have promised to be with thee
Just have faith and be brave.

"You are sure to see the storms
As you journey o'er life's sea;
Just remember I'm your keeper,
Just be still! Trust in me.

"Launch out, never doubting,
It was I who calmed the sea;
I am the same today, forever,
I will do the same for thee."

—Picked up.

We must not measure God by ourselves, — His mighty projects extending over eternity with our puny schemes, which like ourselves are only for a day.

WARRIOR CALLED HOME

One whom we could say has fought a good fight, has finished his course, and henceforth is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, was called home, November 13th.

Brother Tom Fields, of Heward, Sask., was killed in an accident near Froude, Sask. His passing was a testimony to a host of neighbors and acquaintances. A very large crowd attended the funeral and Pastor Frank Small, of Zion Church, Winnipeg, Man., preached the funeral service and gave a wonderful message. We would say the hearers were left without excuse if they pass from this world without Christ. Brother Philip Smith, Pastor of Stoughton and Heward, was in charge of the service.

The Saints everywhere and End Times readers extend their sympathy to Sis. Fields and son Willy.

We have been friends for years and so we shall miss our brother minister.

Pastors G. E. Brooks and
E. W. Storie.

THE NEED TODAY

There are times we pray and ask for strength

Our daily temptings to restrain
For He Who hears and understands
Has never been approached in vain.

He tells me, Those who win the race
Have two attributes in their souls:
The grit to stand the tiring pace;
And grace that sweetens bitter gall.

So Lord, since in this race, I run
Let me the needed grit apply;
And daily as I freshening need—
Lord, do Thou then Thy grace supply.
—By Anne R. McAuley.

The offer of salvation is made to mankind in this life and this life alone; it will not be repeated in eternity or in hell: We may therefore speak of it as a glorious offer to be received at one time and in one place, or forever rejected.

BIRTH! LIFE! DEATH!

By Rev. A. Botha

**"Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth."**

The well-known and much loved Christmas hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", written by the great Charles Wesley, many years ago, takes us into the very heavens. This hymn vividly portrays Christ, our everlasting Lord in a four-fold way.

Philippians, chapter two, verses five to eight, tells us that He was equal with God in Power, in Majesty and in Glory. "The glory which I had with thee before the world was", (John 17:5). Yet one of the greatest miracles was wrought in heaven, when the Lord "Made himself of no reputation" and laid his own Majesty and glory aside to take upon Him the form of a servant and be made in the likeness of man.

We find here an outstanding fact and a truth not seen elsewhere in all human experience. Mendelssohn was a master musician; his skill became widely known, and he was greatly honoured. Burbank was a plant wizard; his reputation, also, spread far and wide because of his wonderful work in developing plants. The great Edison became known throughout the world for his wonderful discoveries in the field of Electricity. All these men were men of high reputation. Yet the Lord of Glory, who created man, who made every tendon, muscle, joint and sinew of the foot, is seen sitting on the floor, washing the soiled and tired feet of His disciples. He who communed with the angels in heaven, stopped in His journey to converse with a poor woman at the well. This one who commanded the HOST of heaven took the little children in His arms to bless them. Yes! Christ the Mighty Monarch of the eternal ages, "Made himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant" one Christmas day nineteen hundred and fifty-three years ago, that He might save men—That He might save you.

"Born that man no more may die." The Lord Jesus is the only

person ever to be born with a specific mission. Notice carefully the wording of Hebrews, chapter ten and verse seven, "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me), to do thy will, O God". And again in John, chapter ten, verse twenty-eight, "And I give unto them eternal life". Great men have made their appearance on this earth and each one has given mankind something to better themselves by. They helped civilization and contributed to life on this planet. We think of Dr. Zeiss' contribution to humanity in designing the wonderful lenses to help the tired eyes and improve our vision. We think of Dr. Jas. Y. Simpson for his introduction of chloroform to the Medical Profession to take away pain from the human body when undergoing an operation. But Jesus surpassed all these inventions and discoveries. He introduced "Everlasting Life", "Born that man no more may die". And His mission was to bring this life to mankind. Yes friend! to you and to me. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) These words should thrill our hearts, because death is conquered by your Lord Jesus Christ. And you, my friend, may have this life in Him.

Thirdly, we see that He was "Born to RAISE the sons of earth". The very words of this sentence imply that we were in a place and state where we couldn't help ourselves. We were helpless where God was concerned, and as the Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians, chapter two, "We were dead in trespasses and sins". Jesus came into this world with all power and authority to free us from this helpless condition and He came to break the fetters of sin. "And thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins", was the great statement made to Joseph in Matt. 1:21. Napoleon was a wonderful warrior, with great power and many volumes have been written about his work. But the greatest of all powers came by the Lord Jesus Christ when He said, "But as many as received him, to them gave he POWER to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name". Jesus will

lift you out of the mire of sin if you will come to Him. He will transform your life and give you peace in your heart and soul if you will acknowledge Him as your Saviour.

We now come to the last line penned by this great song-writer, which I believe is the greatest sentence ever uttered by mortal. "Born to give them second birth." It is only through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the CROSS that the second birth is made possible. Truly Jesus was born to die. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) The "New Birth" which is a spiritual birth is just as real as the natural birth. And if Jesus stressed and emphasized one point more than another, it was "That no man shall ever see or enter the kingdom of God without this spiritual transformation and regeneration." (John 3:3, 5)

Our prayer in closing is with the great Apostle Paul, "May Christ be formed in us and be born in us this Christmas Day".

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MY BIBLE AND I

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh!
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm!
Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
When life had grown weary, and death e'en was nigh!
But all through the darkness of mist or of wrong,
I found there a solace, a prayer, and a song.

So now who shall part us, my Bible and I.
Shall "isms" or "schisms", or "new lights" who try?
Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,
Supplant thy sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Ah, no, my dear Bible, exponent of light!
Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight!
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.

—Selected.

THERE IS BORN -- A SAVIOUR

(Luke 2:11)

Pastor G. E. Brooks

The most stupendous event in all the centuries of the history of man is recorded in this paragraph, as stated by the angel.

Let us consider the story noticing first the earthly conditions as described in the previous verses of the chapter. In an out-post at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, that little land of Palestine, there were two people, a man and a woman, only two individuals amid the multitudes in Judea and Galilee and the massed multitudes of the Roman Empire. These two people had no more effect upon Caesar and the Roman Empire than any two of today would have upon the Queen of England or the President of the U.S.A. They were, as to earthly condition, entirely insignificant.

But let us look at the woman. She is the tabernacle of the Son of God as she travels, the man being her guard.

In Micah 5:2-3 we find a prophecy written at least six hundred and fifty years before this happened.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall One come forth unto Me that is to be Ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she who travaileth hath brought forth.

Once more observe the earthly conditions "There was no room for them in the inn."

The word translated "inn" was merely an enclosure, just walls into which travellers might drive their cattle for the night. Even here there was no room. In the supreme hour the Baby was born and laid in a manger. "She brought forth her first-born Son." First-born does not mean only first in time; but first in place, first in order and first in importance. Who is this Child? The Son of God, "God with us". This is the "fact" in our consideration of this passage.

Lastly let us observe the heavenly activity. An angel of the Lord

stood by the Shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone 'round about them. These shepherds were filled with fear. But this message follows, "Be not afraid, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Then the tidings were told, "There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord." Let us omit the articles as in the Greek and read, There is born to you this day in the city of David, Saviour, Christ, Lord. Saviour, someone confronting all the sin of the world with regal authority and redeeming power. Christ, someone confronting all the chaos of the world, and Lord, the One Who confronts all eternity and all ages; "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end".

Before the shepherds had time to say a word, "Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God".

And this was the theme of their song:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

The phrase "in the highest" means above, descriptive of heaven, the dwelling place of God. Then on earth, what? Peace, But how? "Among men in whom He is well pleased." There is no peace for the earth only as the individual accepts the Prince of Peace. Men everywhere are talking peace, but the only solution is through the blood of His cross. "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross." (Col. 1:20)

"There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked". If men will turn to Christ they will find peace and be made pleasing to God, the reason for which Jesus came into the world. "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them."

This is the day of salvation. "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Why not accept Him as Saviour today? "Believe on the Lord Jesus

Christ and thou shalt be saved."
There is born—A Saviour.

KNOWLEDGE

Evang. R. A. Larden



After thirty years of faithful service and devotion to Jesus Christ, Paul testifies of the innermost desire of his soul: "THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND

THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING, BEING MADE CONFORMABLE UNTO HIS DEATH." (Phil. 3:10)

Paul knew Jesus Christ in His saving power, for he wrote to Timothy, these inspired words, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (II Tim. 1:12) It was on the dusty, sun-beaten road to Damascus, that Paul had met Jesus Christ. That day his life was revolutionized. His whole mode of thought was transformed. Twelve years of hard study under Gamaliel, in those strenuous years of training for the position of a Pharisee, was cast aside to give place to the revelation of the Gospel, and the truth regarding Jesus Christ. Paul may well have graduated with honours, and received his degree, according to the standards of men. But God said, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: BUT let him that glorieth glory in this, THAT HE UNDERSTANDETH AND KNOWETH ME, THAT I AM THE LORD which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD." (Jer. 9:23-24) And so Paul, possessed with the Spirit of God, could say, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ

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CHRISTMAS IN CHRISTIAN COUNTRY

Once again, we are nearing the Christmas Season, the merriest and gayest time of the year. Already our newspapers and radios are reminding us to prepare for the event. In our land of plenty, many people go to a great deal of work and expense, and very often extravagance. Now there is nothing wrong with celebrating Christmas, providing it is carried out sensibly, as well as within reason—but in many cases, people's minds are so engulfed, and taken up with festivities, and everything that goes with it, that the actual theme of Christmas is left out. We are living in a supposedly Christian land, where Christ ought to be given first place, yet when it comes to commemorating His birthday, in this modern day, we see so many less important things attached, and the result is, our Lord is shoved into the background, and oftentimes entirely out of the picture.

Our modern age, an era of new inventions, has gone so far, as to invent a new spelling for the word "Christmas", namely "Xmas". Whenever the writer sees that spelling, it reminds me of those unlearned people, having never gone to school, are unable to write their name, place their signature with an "X". But you say, Christmas is abbreviated "Xmas". If that is the case, why must "X" be used as a short cut for "Christ", why not something similar such as "Chr" or "Chrt". Instead man has removed the "Christ" altogether, and substituted "X" for Christ, which is no similarity whatsoever. I'm afraid there are many of God's people, guilty of using this 20th century spelling, having done it in ignorance of course, but may the Lord help you to overcome it completely. This is one of the ways in which men have done away with the Christ of Christmas.

How many mothers and fathers in our supposedly Christian land, today, upon Christmas Eve, take their children upon their knee, and relate to them the wonderful old Christmas story of how Jesus, the Saviour of the World, was born in Bethlehem, in a manger; of how the angels heralded forth "the glad

tidings" to the shepherds, who were tending their sheep by night; and of how the three wisemen came from the east, guided by the star, to worship and adore the blessed Christ Child, who was God incarnate? Sad to say, very, very few! There are countless kiddies who don't know what Christmas really is. No! Man has invented a more modern Christmas story—one about a man by the name of Santa Claus, who is dressed in a red suit, trimmed with white fur, who has white whiskers, who lives at the north pole, and on Christmas Eve, comes in his sled, drawn by his reindeers, to visit every good girl and boy with gifts, gaining entrance through the chimney. What a lie from the pit itself! Parents, sooner or later, your children are going to find out the truth and then what will they think, when they discover you've lied to them down through the years? I'll guarantee you fathers and mothers, that if you will tell your children the true story of Christmas, instead of the other trash, this Christmas and all those to come, that it will be the merriest one you and your family have ever had. By doing so you will be doing your part to help make Canada a Christian Country.

Christmas is especially a time of music and singing, it being that the announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds by the angel of the Lord, was accompanied by the heavenly host, praising and magnifying God. Since that time, men have been inspired by the Lord to write songs or carols portraying the story of Christmas. Therefore when this joyous season rolls around, there is the singing of the old, yet ever new, beautiful carols. Here again, we see men substituting something more up-to-date. Instead of hearing "Silent Night" or "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", it is "Rudolf, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" or "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town". I wonder how much of a Christian country this land of ours actually is. You talk about heathenism, paganism or idolatry, one doesn't need to go all the way to India, Africa or China, we have it right here.

There is a passage of scripture in the Bible, which truly brings out the truth, we've been endeavoring to put across. Jesus, in speaking to the Scribes and Pharisees, one day, said, "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophecy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me, But in vain they do worship me". (Matt. 5:7-9) In other words, you practise lip service instead of heart service, and thereby making a good name for yourselves, so undoubtedly the Lord had every right to call them hypocrites. Jesus doesn't want your lips, but your heart, for He knows that when your heart is right, and in tune with Him, your lips will automatically fall in line.

If Christ were here today, and looked on, as people commemorated His birth, He would have every reason to say the same as he said to the religious sect of His day. And that portion was written for our admonition now, therefore this generation had better give heed to it. The same thought is also brought out in Titus 1:16, where it says, "They profess that they know God, but in works they deny him." The prophet Ezekiel wrote weighty words when he said, "they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness". (Ezek. 33:31)

The Christmas Season is time of beautiful decorations, good things to eat, and the exchanging of gifts, which is alright, if kept in its place. Giving gifts is to remind us of the greatest gift given to the whole world, that first Christmas morn, and that of the Lord Jesus Christ. How would you feel if on your birthday, everyone else received birthday presents, but you, whose birthday it was, was left out completely? I'm sure you would be very disappointed, and yet, that is soetimes just what happens at Christmas. Jesus is forgotten. Truly it must break His heart. It is a known fact that the work of the Lord always

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JOY UNSPEAKABLE

By Evang. A. Kudra

My text is taken from 1st Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 8, which reads: "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." This is a wonderful scripture, which declares the true joy a child of God possesses when he believes in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Whom Having Not Seen Ye Love"

When we compare the present day attitude with this scripture, there is a great contrast in what men and women say this day: "Show me God and I will believe." It reminds us of the rich man who found himself in the burning and blistering Hell, and who also lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham, the Patriarch, afar off and he also saw Lazarus in his bosom being comforted. The rich man in Hell cried out and said: "Send Lazarus that he may dip the top of his finger in water and cool my tongue for I am tormented in this flame." A discussion resulted and finally Abraham said: "Let them hear Moses and the Prophets." But the rich man said: "If one went unto them from the dead, they will repent." And Abraham said unto him: "If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." Yes, these people who quote the maxim, "I am from Missouri, I've got to see before I believe," should read this account in Luke 16:19-31. Abraham made it known to the rich man that, if they did see a mighty manifestation of God's Spirit, such as a person being raised from the dead to testify to the Unsaved, they would side step any type of evidence. Thomas was like that. He wanted to see before he believed. Thomas had to learn a tremendous lesson. In Jesus' post resurrection days, He presented Himself before the eleven with Thomas in their midst. This same Thomas had said previously: "Except I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His

side, I will not believe." Now the Lord Jesus is standing before Thomas. He is going to teach Thomas a lesson that he will never forget till his dying day. Jesus said: "Thomas, reach hither thy finger and behold, my hands and reach hither and thrust it into my side and be not faithless but believing." And Thomas answered: "My Lord and my God." Then saith Jesus unto him: "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed."

In 1st Peter 1:8, we read: "Whom having not seen ye love." We have God's Word at our disposal and we know that "He is." We have a beautiful mental picture of what Jesus looked like when He was on earth although we have not as yet seen Him, yet we believe God's Word, and we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. We think of Rebecca who was approached by Abraham's servant who told her about Isaac. The Holy Spirit quickened the words that proceeded from the faithful servant's mouth, and they registered in Rebecca's heart. She heard that Isaac was a splendid young man and that his father was wealthy and, although she had not seen him with her eyes, yet she loved him. This is a wonderful illustration of how we can know Jesus and love Him although we have not seen Him. The Holy Spirit has quickened God's divine Word to our hearts and, although we have not seen Jesus visibly, we believe in Him and thus we have joy unspeakable and full of glory.

"To Have True Joy We Must Believe"

Note God's Word: "In whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing." The reason that many Christians have not true joy is because they haven't as yet learned to trust Him. In Proverbs 3:5, 6 we read: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Let us place our full trust in Him and believe all the things recorded in the precious Word of God, and you cannot help rejoice with joy

unspeakable and full of glory. Think of it—His work of Grace. The other day it was my privilege to attend a Sunday School picnic in the country. My! When I beheld the beautiful mountains, the lovely scenery, the grandeur of God's earth thrilled me through and through. God has given us of these beautiful things that we might enjoy them. A blade of grass speaks of His creatorship. In Psalm 103, we read: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me . . . and forget not all His benefits." This portion should incite us to bless Him, to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory because it speaks of our wonderful Saviour. We then rejoice because He has given us the greatest proof of His resurrection. We refer to the Baptism of God's Holy Spirit. In Romans 14:17, we read: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." This is truly joy unspeakable and full of glory to a child of God. With God's fullness one cannot help being filled with a tangible joy in his or her bosom. This exuberant joy is for every child of God. Praise God! It is wonderful to have Him dwelling in all His fullness in us. Then think of the wonderful hope that He has given us. There is a glorious principle outlined in Romans 8:24 and 25, which reads, "For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen, is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." It reveals a fact that the hope of the second coming of Jesus to take away His blood-bought church is more real than death itself. We have a living hope and we groan in travail, in pain together until now waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. (Romans 8:23). That is why we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. That is why we thank God for His wonderful revelation of the precious word of God. Although we haven't seen these things with our visible eyes, we believe God's

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"REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN
THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH . . ."
(Ecclesiastes 12:1.)

Truth For

THE YOUNG PEOPLE

TOPICS FOR TEENS

Gifts For The King:



"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11.)

It has been often pointed out that the wise men brought the infant Jesus "gold" as a token of His royalty, "frankincense" in token of His deity, and "myrrh" in token of His sufferings; He is seen through these gifts as Prophet, Priest, and King. Whether or not the gifts were symbolical, they were the choicest products of the land from which the wise men came. The lesson for us is that we do not really acknowledge Christ unless we surrender to Him the best that we have.

For children, Christmas is a time when gifts are **received**. Those of us who are older are more likely to look on Christmas as a time when gifts are **given**—and have to be paid for! And when we celebrate the giving of God's "unspeakable Gift" (2 Cor. 9:15), what could be more fitting than that we present to God the gift He wants most . . . not a monetary present, but **ourselves**—our hearts and all that we are!

We often speak of being "saved to serve". It has been pointed out that this is not strictly true: we are saved to worship and adore God. If we know something of the love of God, and have experienced His grace in redemption, our hearts will be filled with worship—and true, effective service will follow. When men and women have no conception of what God

has done for mankind, and when their knowledge of His truth is dimmed by tradition or misunderstanding, there may be much attempted service and much unrest, but there will be little worship.

The Father seeks worshippers (John 4:23): Worship stands first. Only as we take the time to worship and adore our God will we be empowered to serve Him fruitfully.

A well-known preacher was asking for funds before a large congregation. He invited the people to bring their gifts and lay them on the altar, and the aisle filled with those who came to make their offerings. Near the end of the procession came a little lame girl on a crutch. She pulled a ring from her finger and laid it among the other gifts on the altar. Then she adjusted her crutch and started back up the aisle.

Following the service an usher brought her into an anteroom, where the preacher met her and said, "My dear, I noticed what you did tonight. It was a beautiful gesture, but the response of the people has been very large, and we find that we have money enough to do all the things we want to do, with some left over. So we don't need your ring, and I have brought it back to you."

The little girl looked up with mild rebuke in her eyes. She said, "But I didn't give that ring to you."

This Christmas season, bring your choicest gift not to the church, but to a Person—the One who died that you might live! Will you give Him, this Christmas, the one thing He wants most of all—**yourself**?

—Irvin W. Ellis.

"Where Is He?"

The question asked by the wise men is the question humanity is asking today: "Where is He?"

Although the vast majority of men are not interested in spiritual things, there are many who, like the magi of old, are seeking to find that which will answer all life's questions and solve all its problems. The story of these eastern sages shows how God can act "outside the limits of . . . revelation, and can move hearts and lead to the light in various ways". In the case of the magi (which is the Greek word translated "wise men") He used human wisdom, which is a gift of God. Though it is incomplete, and raises more questions than it solves, it can lead to Jesus when those who have it are faithful to the light given them. "The true scope of all knowledge," says Maclaren, "is to lead to recognition of Him."

A missionary in India witnessed to a native woman crouched on a bench at a railway station. As the missionary mentioned the name of Christ, the woman looked up with a beaming countenance and said, "That's it—that's His name! I had forgotten it! Tell me again, so I won't forget!" The pitiful creature told her story: she had been wandering through the jungles, chanting her prayers and repeating the name of her god—"Ram! Ram! Ram!"—Suddenly a voice had said to her, "Don't worship Ram; worship Christ!" She left the jungle wondering what it could all mean, but in the meantime she forgot the name of the One whom she was to worship. What rejoicing in her heart as she embraced Christ and her soul was transformed!

In every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is acceptable to Him (Acts 10:31). There is only one way to God—namely, the Lord Jesus Christ; but who is to say that there are not many ways to Christ? Some come to Him through the teaching of godly parents, others through the preaching of an evangelist, others through the reading of a

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Gospel tract. Missionaries tell us of those who, like the Indian woman, seem driven by the Holy Spirit Himself to the place where they will come into contact with the good news of Jesus. And others, like the wise men, use the knowledge God gives them to seek a fuller revelation of His truth and the answer to a need which is as old as the heart of man itself.

Even the pagan religions and secular tradition bear witness to man's insufficiency. Primitive blood sacrifices proclaim man's realization of his need of reconciliation. Myths about gods coming down in the form of men speak of man's longing for a manifestation of God in the flesh. Today man express the unrecognized longings of their hearts by turning to soothsayers, astrologers, and spiritists for advice. The wise men were wiser than these seekers today. They knew that deliverance would come from a person—"the King of the Jews"—and they sought Him that they might worship Him. —Bible Knowledge.

QUIZ

CORNER



Are you a good "Scripture sleuth?" Can you identify the Bible characters indicated by the following clues?

1. A shipwreck—Malta.
2. Pillars—blindness.
3. Expulsion—fruit.
4. Mount Sinai—the Ten Commandments.
5. A sycamore tree—little.
6. A prophet—Lamentations.
7. A physician—the book of Acts.
8. A kiss—pieces of silver.

9. The Isle of Patmos—Revelation.

10. Twins—hairy.

11. A whale—Nineveh.

12. Locusts, wild honey—"Repent ye."

For a correct list of these Bible characters turn to the back page.

NOTHING LIES BEYOND THE REACH OF PRAYER EXCEPT THAT WHICH LIES OUTSIDE THE WILL OF GOD.

ADVENTURES IN SOUL-WINNING

Divine Paradoxes

Son of God and Son of Man, the everlasting God—a Babe in Bethlehem, Jehovah God—Jesus Saviour, Immanuel—God with us. He was in the form of God, yet He took a Servant's place. He possessed all things, yet had nothing. Born King of the Jews, yet in a manger laid. He was the Architect of all things, yet He worked as a carpenter. He was a Prophet mighty in word and deed, yet without honour. He was Heir of all things, yet He possessed nothing. The Giver of Divine law, yet He was condemned contrary to it. He was the Resurrection and the Life, yet He tasted death for every man. He was God incarnate in human flesh, yet set at nought. He did all things well, yet He was called the Prince of demons. He did always those things that pleased the Father, yet He was despised and rejected of men.

He had all authority, yet He was subject to His parents. He had the Holy Spirit without measure, yet He was judged as unlearned. He could have called on twelve legions of angels, yet He submitted to arrest without warrant. He had

all power, yet He was crucified in weakness. He could wipe away all tears, yet He wept over Jerusalem. He was the Good Shepherd, yet He died as the Lamb of God. He was poor on earth, yet He made many rich. He was called the Bread of Life, yet He was hungry. He was the Water of Life, yet He cried, "I thirst." He possessed ivory palaces, yet He had not where to lay His head. He was King of kings and Lord of lords, yet He paid taxes.

He was the Judge of the universe, yet He allowed Pilate to judge Him. He was the faithful and true Witness, yet false witnesses rose up against Him. He was the friend that sticketh closer than a brother, yet He was betrayed by Judas Iscariot. He was intrinsically Holy, yet He associated with publicans and sinners. He was just in all His ways, yet He died for the unjust. He was the image of God, yet made Himself of no reputation. He was filled with Divine love, yet hated without cause. He was holy, undefiled and separate from sinners, yet He submitted to John's baptism. He was a righteous Man, yet He died a criminal's death. He kept the whole law of God, yet died under the curse of it.

He came unto His own—His own creation; He came unto His own land—Palestine; to His own place—Judea; to His own city—Jerusalem; to His own province—Galilee; to His own town—Bethlehem; to His own village—Nazareth; to His own people—Israel. —Selected.

Rejected By His Own:

He came unto His own—His own creation; He came unto his own land—Palestine; to His own place—Judea; to His own city—Jerusalem; to his own province—Galilee; to His own town—Bethlehem; to His own village—Nazareth; to His own people—Israel.

"He came unto His own, but His

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Word and place our full trust in Him; thus we have exuberant joy.

In closing, I say to you my Unsaved Friend that you will have no joy in this world and in the world to come, apart from Christ. If you will come to the right source, you too can have joy unspeakable and full of glory. We cannot recommend Mohammed or Budha or Mary Baker Eddy or Russelism, but there is only one way to God and there is only one way to peace and joy and that Door is Jesus Christ our wonderful Lord. God says in Isaiah 57:20, 21 "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Friend, the thing for you to do is believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, place your full trust and confidence in Him. "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:11, 13). Friend, believe in Jesus Christ now. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." (John 1:12). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31). and also, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36). My Unsaved Friend, believe in Him now. Heed 1st Peter 1:8. Believing this, you too will have joy unspeakable and full of glory.

BE TRUE

It's Christmas time when girls and boys
Are thinking of their dolls and toys,
A time of gifts, exchanging wishes
With one eye kept upon the dishes.

And when the festive day is here
We greet each other with good cheer,
But most of all we surely can
Thank God for His great gift to man.

Now wait a moment, stop and think
Before you eat or take that drink,
How could there be a Christmas day
If Christ had never come our way.

So, Mother, Dad, just tell your child
The simple truth, not stories wild,
If we today will sow the lie
We'll reap the harvest by and by.

Tell them of Jesus who was born
To light the dawn of earth's glad morn.
To Him all knees sometime shall bow
Better start right here and now.

We like to fill our innards, sure
Must have it whether rich or poor.
We like to fill the cup, or bowl,
But what about that empty soul?

Now as you gather 'round the table
Be filled with truth and not a fable,
And fabled folk will then depart
When Christ is born within the heart.

Beware the flask of fiery mix
By santa satan's wiley tricks,
For God His order He will keep
Whate'er we sow, just so we reap.

Now do not squirm and make a fuss
Or maybe you will miss the bus.
Doc says we need a balanced diet
So keep your seat and please keep quiet.

Give to the child the truth it needs
Before the mind is filled with weeds,
Be true right now, may be too late
When the enemy is at the gate.

Should not we all for truth now stand
Across this fair Canadian land?
When Canada will honour God
He'll bless our life, our home, our sod.

It matters not how far we roam
We always think of home sweet home,
And while in thought we linger there
Perchance we see the vacant chair.

And if there be the one who's missed
Whose lips you once had fondly kissed,
In that glad land which knows no pain
By grace you will surely meet again.

And now to one and all we say,
A very happy Christmas day,
And may God bless you more and more,
All through nineteen fifty-four.

—D. J. Williams,
Salmon Arm, B.C.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH

"The entrance of thy word giveth light" — Psalm 119:130

I SUPPOSED I knew my Bible,
Reading piece-meal, hit or miss;
Now a bit of "John" or "Matthew",
Now a snatch of "Genesis".
Certain chapters of "Isaiah",
Certain "Psalms"—the twenty-third,
Twelfth of "Romans", first of "Proverbs".

Yes I thought I knew the Word.
But I found a thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar
When I read the Bible through.
Ye who treat the Crown of Writings

As you treat no other book—
Just a paragraph disjointed,
Just a crude, impatient look—
Try a worthier procedure,
Try a broad and steady view;
You will kneel in very rapture
When you read the Bible
THROUGH.

—Picked up.

GOD'S FLOWERS IN BLOOM

By Pastor T. A. Johnson

Once again we greet you all in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we count it a privilege to bring you a message on the subject, "God's flowers in bloom." Perhaps we never realized it before, but God really has some very beautiful flowers blooming today. Down through the years of the past centuries they have been coming out, first the appearing of that little bud, and then the flower came forth, opening its soft tender petals, forming itself into a beautiful flower, sending forth its sweet aroma of heavenly perfume, bringing a welcome message of hope and cheer to every true believer. Not only so, but to the unbeliever and sinner they send forth their warnings of impending danger, because they are vivid sign posts telling us of coming events. When we see the little flowers dotting the hillsides after the cold and frost of winter is over, we know assuredly that spring time is just around the corner, and what a feeling of hopefulness fills our hearts, and when we see God's flowers blooming we know that certain events of vital importance are about to burst forth. These flowers are sure signs, God given signs, and they herald in the dawning of a golden age, which far transcends anything we have ever seen or known before. Someone who does not believe in God, nor in His Word, gave a strong challenge to prove the Bible to be true. The very fact that the prophecies contained therein, are swiftly and vividly coming to pass before our very eyes, proves the authenticity of the Word of God. We do not need to prove the Bible to be true or genuine, it proves itself, nor do we need to defend it, it defends itself. We really feel sorry for folks who are of opinions like that, for we know their eyes have been blinded, and we do not condemn them, but rather pray for them that their eyes may be opened to behold the Lord, and to understand and accept the true Word of God.

Luke 21:29-31. "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they

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THE GIFT OF GOD

By Pastor Clement C. Upshall

Shall we read, from the Old Testament, a passage recorded by Isaiah foretelling the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

The birth of this child, Jesus, about which we are thinking particularly at this time of the year is an event which has more profoundly affected all successive history than anything that has ever happened since the creation of the world. This event is known as the incarnation. The body of Jesus was a human body, born of the virgin Mary. Did not the angel say to her: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." But from other scriptures it is clear that the Spirit that indwelt that body was the Spirit of Jehovah God. Did not Jesus say, "The Father that dwelleth in me he doeth the works." Paul says, "that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself."

The wise men recognized Jesus as the one whose coming Isaiah had foretold. They asked, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist prophesied of Jesus saying: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David: as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the

oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

God deals with people upon the basis of covenants. Jesus came in fulfilment of many promises and according to the covenants made with Abraham and David. Many wonder and contemplate with awe the history of that ancient and remarkable people Israel. What is it that has made them so unique among the nations of the world? Could it not be accounted for upon the basis of the fact that they are a covenant people? Paul states concerning Israel, that to them pertains the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came."

After reading all this concerning Israel it may seem to some that God is a respecter of persons or nations and that He has favourites and prefers one above another—but no:

God blessed Abraham and Israel because He loved the world and designed that all the nations of the earth should be blessed in them. This was accomplished through Jesus' death on the cross. We who were at one time aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. When Jesus died he made propitiation for the sins of the whole world. The great commission given to His disciples was to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Through the preaching of the gospel God is visiting the gentiles to take out of them a people for his Name. God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life: so that Jesus is not merely a national Saviour of one nation but He belongs to all nations because He is God's gift to the world.

Gifts we give and gifts we get
Each Yuletide to and from our friends,
But none has given a present yet
As precious as God's gift to men.

He gave His all, He gave His best,

Better than candies and nuts and things
And toys and money and all the rest,
That sinners on earth might now be blest.

Jesus was that gift so dear,
'Twas He who brought Salvation near,
By which comes joy and rest and gladness
To chase away sin, heartache and sadness.

Have you received Christ God's gift? "For as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God". This time of the year when all are giving and receiving gifts would be an appropriate time to receive God's gift and be saved.

And when we receive Him that is only the beginning of gifts; there are many more to follow. It was prophesied of Him that He would be a King and He is. When He ascended up on high after He had been seen of His disciples for forty days following His resurrection He sat upon a throne and gave gifts unto men. First on the day of Pentecost He gave the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. His daily blessing and benefits are more than can be numbered. You will be able to say with the Psalmist "surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

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God will be as just in the damnation of the lost, as in the salvation of the saved.

"It is of God's sovereign grace that sinners are spared a single day! Why should He tolerate an enemy in His universe?"

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own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power (right) to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe (put all one's trust in) on His name; which were born (new birth), not of blood, (not our physical birth) nor of the will of the flesh (the flesh profiteth nothing), nor of the will of man (intellectualism cannot save), but of God" (John 1:11-13).

JONAH LEARNED MORE AT
THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA
THAN SOME PREACHERS
LEARN AT THE SEMINARY.

KNOWLEDGE

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Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things; and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." (Phil. 3:8) To know Jesus Christ was worth more to Paul, than degrees of men's honour, and the high positions in life that were his if he would reject Jesus Christ.

But here, in our text, Paul says, "That I may know him". "What do you mean Paul? Why you know Jesus Christ as no other man. You met Him in His resurrected glory, on that road to Damascus." (Acts 9:3-6) At the hand of Paul was the revelation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ given; (Gal. 1:12) and "the mystery" of the ecclesia, the church, the body of Christ, was unfolded to Paul by revelation from God, and recorded in the Ephesian letter, and other epistles. (Eph. 3:2) Could it be that after thirty years of walking with the Lord, Paul was still filled with a burning desire to know more about this wonderful Saviour of men, to know more of this friend of publicans and sinners, this Christ, who is called "Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6)? Yes, Paul realized after many years of closely following Jesus of Nazareth, that there was much more to know about this infinite person.

Oh, how that God-anointed, and inspired testimony of the Apostle's makes me shrink to my knees in humility, for I know so little about this one who created all things, (Col. 1:16), yet "humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross", (Phil. 2:8) in order that He might save our sinful souls. How I have wished that I could have been close enough to hear Jesus, when He, "beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." (Luke 24:27) But we have "all the scriptures", and the Spirit has come to "guide you into all truth" (John 16:13), so thank God, and let us apply ourselves to earnest study, and much prayer that we may "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (II Peter 3:18) "THAT I MAY KNOW HIM".

"AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION" To know more about the "power of His resurrection"! If any man knew anything of that power, Paul did. For he had felt that "power" course through his supposedly dead body; as it lay at the gate of Lystra, battered and bruised by stones; raising him to life, restoring strength to preach again. (Acts 14:19-20) He saw that active "power" shake the prison at Philippi, until the doors swung open. (Acts 16:26) He saw that "power" raise a "young man named Eutychus" to life, who, having fallen from the window in the upper chamber of a house in Troas, had been "taken up dead". (Acts 20:9) He saw that "power" heal the father of Publius, who was "sick of a fever, and of a bloody flux" (Acts 28:8). Although Paul had seen all this, and more, he wanted still to become more intimately acquainted with that power that "raised up Jesus from the dead" and which dwells within each blood-bought child of God. (Rom. 8:11) Would to God that we knew more about the "Power of His resurrection"! Not in theory only, but in experimental knowledge!

"AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING". Could Paul possibly mean that he was willing, and even desirous to bear more of the suffering for His name, having already been stoned, imprisoned often, beaten with rods, five times whipped with the Roman lash, thirty-nine stripes across the back, till his clothes were drenched with his own blood? (see II Cor. 11:23-28) Yet he would go through that again, and more, for Jesus' sake, and the spreading of the gospel. And notice, after having experienced such physical torture, he expressed it as "the FELLOWSHIP of His suffering". Not detestable, but "fellowship" of suffering! Paul was indeed able and willing to drink of the cup that Jesus drank, and to be immersed in the baptism of suffering with Him. (Matt. 20:22) But how often we endeavour, through compromising, to avoid "the fellowship of His suffering". "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: BUT BE THOU PARTAKER OF THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE GOSPEL according to the power

of God." (II Tim. 1:8)

"BEING MADE CONFORMABLE UNTO HIS DEATH." What a climax! That is living the truth he taught the Galatians: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)

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Christmas in Christian Country

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suffers, due to lack of finance, during the month of December, when it ought to be the opposite.

Child of God, do you celebrate Christmas by giving Christ His rightful place. If not, why not let this Christmas be the happiest you've ever had, and that by making it a Christ-honouring, Christ-centred one. Let's show the world that we have the Christ of Christmas dwelling within, and at the same time to make Canada a Christian country. You know God's Word says we are to be a "peculiar people".

And you, my unsaved friend, what sort of a Christmas are you anticipating? Listen, the real Christmas Spirit is definitely not gotten from the champagne bottle, or any other celebration, as the world calls it, but is found only by having Jesus, the Christ of Christmas, in the heart. In order to commemorate the birth of the One, who was born in a manger, correctly, He must be born into your heart. Let Him save you, and I'll assure you that this Christmas will be the most blessed one you've ever had, regardless what sort of traditions you may have had in the past. Here's another secret, then you will have Christmas all year 'round, because of the peace, joy and satisfaction He puts within your soul. May God help you to decide for Him now.

—By Laura Phaff.

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We are now entering the 18th year of publishing "The End Times". If this paper has been a blessing to you in any way, we would be glad to hear from you.

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The righteousness of Christ is the only covering for the sinner from the wrath of heaven.

THE BODY

Rev. R. A. Reynolds

To many who are sick in body, the stories of miraculous healings in Bible days seem as an idle tale; they look upon them as things of the past, never to be repeated in the present. Yet the Word of God is replete with the truth of the unchanging character of the Living God—"I am the Lord, I change not"; "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and TODAY, and forever". All the promises of God in Christ are "Yea and Amen"; that is, they are not "Yes" one day, and "No" another day, but always "Yes and Amen". Thousands today are testifying to the miraculous healing power of the Lord Jesus, many of whom had been given up by the physicians as incurable.

Now let us turn to the Bible for proof that the Lord will heal today:—

I. God is the Physician of His People.

From early times God has been the doctor for His own people, although there were human physicians on the earth. In Exod. 15:26 we read God's pledge to His own people Israel: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandments, and keep His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE". In Psalm 30:2-3 David said: "O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit". Also in Gen. 20:17 we read where Abraham prayed, and God healed Abimelech and his household, and again in Numb. 12:13-15 we are told that Moses prayed for his sister Miriam, and the Lord healed her of leprosy.

II. The Healing Christ.

The earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus is aglow with the many miracles of healing which He performed; the blind did see, the lame walked, lepers were cleansed, the dead were raised. In Math. 8:16-17 we read "When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that

were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses**". Jesus came expressly to bear or carry our sickness Himself, even as He came to bear our sins. We can therefore claim our healing from Him with the same assurance as we can our salvation, for He has borne it all, and made atonement for it all. The redemption that He purchased was for our whole being, spirit, soul, and body. We do not doubt His willingness to pardon our sins, for "He bare our sins in His own body on the tree". Why should we doubt His willingness to heal our sicknesses, when He bare them also. Isa. 53:5 says: "With His stripes we are healed". The stripes He suffered when He was scourged was the price He paid for our healing. Let us claim this heritage of healing and health from His nail-pierced hand.

III. The Ministry of Healing was given to His Disciples.

The power to lay hands on the sick for healing was given by the Lord Jesus to His disciples. In Math. 10:1 we read: "And when He had called unto Him his twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease". This was while the Lord Jesus was still performing His earthly ministry. After His crucifixion and resurrection, and before He went away to heaven He again gave them the commission to lay hands on the sick for healing, and connects it up with the preaching of the gospel. In Mark 16:15-18 we read—"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved . . . And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My Name shall they cast out devils . . . **they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.**" We see from this that the gospel was to be preached to all the world, and together with it the message of healing. The apostles carried out

this commission. In Acts 3 we read of a mighty miracle of healing through Peter, and in Acts 5:12-16 it tells us that multitudes were healed. See also Acts 6:8; 8:6-7; 9:33-34; 9:40-41; 14:8-10. In Acts 10:11-12 we find the Apostle Paul being greatly used of the Lord to work miracles, and as he had not the opportunity to visit all the sick who needed his ministry, he sent handkerchiefs and aprons, which had touched his body; and when these articles were placed on the sick the Lord healed them.

GREETINGS

Pastors G. E. Brooks and E. W. Storie and End Times staff desire to convey our Christian Greetings at this Season of the year. We do not look upon Christmas as the world does, because we always remember the birth of Christ which is so precious to every child of God. Ours is not a Christmas of just feasting and worldly pleasure, but we, with heartfelt thankfulness, look for the time when we shall see Him face to face. That will be real Christmas to each and every believer.

The mission of the Church has not changed, nor has the commission been cancelled. The gospel for body as well as soul is to be preached until Jesus comes again. Wherever this message is being preached today, the Lord is confirming it with signs and wonders, and miracles of healing. If you are sick in body, why not trust the Lord to heal you. No case is too hard for Him. Look not at the hopelessness of your condition, but look at the unchanging, all-powerful Christ. He can, and He will deliver you. Here is another unfailing promise regarding healing—"Is any sick among you: let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith SHALL save the sick, and the Lord SHALL raise him up; and if he have committed sins they SHALL be forgiven him". If you will obey his word in this, the promise is that the Lord SHALL raise you up. Only believe; all things are possible to him that believeth.

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now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is nigh at hand. So likewise when ye see these things come to pass, ye know that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." The fig tree figures the Jewish nation, whereas the "all the trees" figures the Gentile nations. Jesus said, "When they now shoot forth" or in other words, when they start blooming, ye know that summer is nigh at hand. What He wanted to say, was, "When ye see the nations coming out into the open or into the limelight, ye can be assured that something is about to transpire." It is one of God's prophetic flowers starting to bloom. The Jewish nation is making headlines in the world today, and is given much publicity. The prophesies referring to that nation so many years ago are coming to pass so plainly today. **Jer. 16:14-16.** "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But the Lord liveth that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them; and I will bring them again into their own land that I gave unto their fathers." "It shall no more be said" denotes a more wonderful and amazing event which far transcends and eclipses the wonderful deliverance across the Red Sea, when they marched dry-shod through the Sea as on dry land. Reading on down through this chapter of Jeremiah we read that God would send fishers to fish them, and hunters to hunt them out of every place they had been scattered. That is happening today, for Jerusalem is teeming with activity, and the Jews are returning to their own homeland by the thousands. A leading newspaper published this news item not so long ago, "Planes carry 1000 daily to make home in Israel." One thousand a day, or, a plane load every eight minutes, of Jewish immigrants are being flown to the new state of Israel. It also stated that there were 70,000 Jews being rushed out of Iraq. We need to get our eyes open to the tremendous reality of the truth of God's Word, and that it is coming to pass as has been recorded therein. God's Word

is forever settled in heaven, and will come to pass regardless of the mockers, scoffers, infidels, agnostics, and every unbeliever who disbelieves the good old Book.

The Jews are returning to their homeland in unbelief. Many are not able to tell you why they are going, only that they feel an inner urge or desire to go there. Is there then some unseen power that gives them that urge? Yes, there is! God has placed in their hearts that hunger and thirst to go there, but for what purpose? They are returning for the express purpose of fulfilling the Word of God. They are to be there for the time when all nations will be gathered against Jerusalem. God has a controversy with all the other nations because they have left His Son out of their lives, and He will gather them to fight against His ancient people, and then He will cause His great judgments to fall upon them. He said, "Be sure your sin will find you out," and that does not only apply to the individual, but also to the nations who have forgotten God and put Him out of their thoughts.

The nations will then try to exterminate the Jews from the great battle of Armageddon, as prophesied in **Rev. 16:16.** Listen to this: **Zech. 14:1-3.** "Behold the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished, and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." There will be great spoil in the Holy Land which the nations are coveting, and this spoil will be divided between them. It will be a time of great tribulation of fierce intensity such as the world has never known. Jesus said, "Then shall their be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." It will not be long, but will be shortened on account of God's elect, the Jews. This has not been fulfilled yet, for we read in **Zech. 14:4.** "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusa-

lem on the east and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south." This will form a big valley so that the fresh water might flow in and heal the dead sea. In **Ezek. 48:8**, it tells us that the waters shall be healed."

What is the meaning of all this? It speaks of the fact that God's flowers are now blooming. The Word of God given prophetically, and written under the inspiration of God is being manifested before the eyes of the world today. To the child of God it brings the glad message that Jesus is coming soon for His own blood washed children who comprise the body of His church. You see the Word tells us that "blindness is happened unto Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles is come in." This is recorded in **Rom. 11:25.** God did allow the Jews to be blinded to the truth of the Gospel, as a nation, that the Gentiles might be grafted in. But when the fulness of the Gentiles is come, and that time is near at hand, telling to the Gentile nations that it is high time to settle down and think of heavenly or spiritual matters, for when the fulness of the Gentiles is come in, the door of salvation by grace will have closed forever, and their doom forever sealed. This is God's clarion call to all the Gentile nations. The Jews have been blinded, but when the fulness of the Gentiles is come, as predicted in God's holy Word by the prophets, or rather when the church is complete in numbers, then the Jews will have their eyes opened. When the Lord descends from heaven to deliver His people the Jews, at the close of the battle of Armageddon, their eyes will be opened, they will see Him, the nail prints in His hands and feet, and they will declare, "This is our God, we have waited for him," and they will accept Him as their long-looked-for Messiah or Deliverer. **Rev. 1:7.** "Behold the Lord cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him." Clouds are figurative of people, and Jude makes it very clear when he wrote, **Jude 14-15,** "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints to execute

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eternity, because he purchased that righteousness for us in His death on the Cross. You see this was God's way of going at things, in a proper manner, and he will yet set up His kingdom which will be an everlasting kingdom, but it must come in through the salvation of men and women. The Holy Spirit came to take out a people for His name. That is the work that is going on right now. Without that there can be no real joy of Christmas, and there is no peace on earth and there is no good-will to men. The Nations of the world are a good example, armed to the teeth, ready to cut each other's throat, making bombs to blow each other to pieces. But our commercial world is in just as bad shape. All greedy, all mad after more money, don't care what they do with the other fellow. He can starve to death as long as they can keep his money down where he can't buy our wheat. So there is no peace on earth. There is no good-will to men. Man must be reconciled to God.

The breach must be removed and only Emmanuel, God with us, could do it. God incarnate came to be our Passover Lamb, our sacrifice. Jesus came to die and to rise again. Who can read the gospels without realizing that was the very thing that he looked forward to? He rebuked Peter in Matthew for saying that was not to be for him, when the Lord said he would go to Jerusalem and be crucified. For this purpose came he into the world and did he not do it? So from the Babe in the Manger to the Cross, he looked forward to reconciling men to God, to imputing his own righteousness to them that they might stand in the presence of God without fear, clothed in the very righteousness of Jesus Christ.

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judgment upon all." Thus we believe that the resurrection of the dead saints and the translation of the living saints precedes the great event when He descends to earth to deliver His own people the Jews. The saints will have to ascend before they can descend with Him when He comes to defend the Jews

and deliver them and also to aid their head to judge the world of ungodly sinners.

Some of the nations are locked in deadly combat and over in Korea the war still rolls on. That also is one of God's flowers blooming and we believe that the powder keg is about to explode elsewhere too. Jesus said in Matt. 24, "that nation would rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." How truly that is being fulfilled today, and when He said there would be famines and pestilence and earthquakes in divers places. He did not speak with feigned lips, for He knew these things would come to pass prior to His return. Signs, signs, and more signs. Everything surrounding us today points to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember God is speaking very loudly and plainly today, and His voice is being heard by scores of people as they listen to the events transpiring. He spoke through the Jewish nation, and all the nations, through floods, earthquakes, draught, disasters of various hues, and in short He is saying, "The time is short," and that the day of grace which ushered in salvation is about to close, and the great tribulation is about to be ushered in, and will come upon the whole world in unprecedented judgment. Today is the day of salvation, the time of God's great mercy and love, when He is saving men and women from their sins, giving them a bright and glorious hope for the future of God's wonderful tomorrow. Jesus said, "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." Are you ready to meet Him, Have you accepted His atonement made for you upon the cruel cross? and are you watching and waiting for Him to come with that wonderful hope burning within your heart? If not, please seek Him today, call upon Him while He is near, and be ready when He comes, or when He calls you from this earth. There is a beautiful home awaiting God's own children, prepared alone for them. We know you want to spend eternity there, meet your mother there, your little one who passed away so suddenly, and all your loved ones will be there awaiting you. Remember God's flowers are now in bloom, but the time comes when the petal falls off, and the

flower can no longer be seen. Its fragrance is gone, the beauty has faded, and it is no more. The time will come when God's warnings will be forever silenced, and the world will be steeped in the worst blood bath it has ever known, and we exhort everyone to take heed to the warnings given through God's signposts, His beautiful blooming flowers.

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CHRISTMAS REVERIE

Christmas once again—time rolls along
Year after year we welcome this glad day,

Every year brings again the Christmas song

Of the Christ Child in Bethlehem far away;

And as the old sweet story told again
In many homes to happy children small,

Our longing hearts echo a glad "amen"
Glowing with love for Christ the Lord of all.

If older people could go back and live
The golden hours of childhood's vanished years,

So free from sin, so willing to forgive,
Each heart bruise that now fills our eyes with tears;

Waking with happy smiles each day to greet,

So happy in the love of home and friends,

And at the twilight hour each day to meet

The loving Christ on Whom our hopes depend.

Time's busy clock has ticked the years away,

Now we have many crosses, many a case

And sometimes tears have fallen through our day,

And passing years have given us silver hair;

Illness has often forced us lay aside
The many duties that our hands should do,

But He Who was our childhood Friend and Guide

Has always stood close by to see us through.

Christmas is here again and as I see
The snowflakes falling on my window sill,

Childhood's past Christmas Days come back to me

And I forget that I am tired and ill;
I watch the children playing on the street,

A shout of "Merry Christmas" comes my way,

I smile to hear their voices dear and sweet

And feel the childhood joy of Christmas Day.

—Annette L. Forster.

We should be as ready to offer praises for blessings received as to pray for those we need.

GOD IS LOVE

How still, how silent lay the trusting sheep
Upon yon Bethlehem's hills that glorious night,
While shepherds o'er them watched, and dare not sleep

Lest evil beast appear to give them fright.
Silent and still, with twinkling stars above
That seemed to gently whisper — God is love.

Then suddenly before their startled sight
The angel of the Lord appeared in view;
While round them shone a glorious heavenly light,
And lit that peaceful scene with wondrous hue:
Flaming archangel from the realms above,
Who came to tell the world that God is love.

Fear not, be not afraid, for lo I bring
Glad tidings of great joy to all mankind,
For born today is Christ the Lord and King,
And yonder in a stable you shall find
God as a babe, Emmanuel from above,
So all the world may know that God is love.

He shall bring peace to earth, goodwill to all,
Their woes to change for glorious joy and rest;
Bind up each broken heart, raise those who fall;
Take from man's life its worst, and give God's best.

That little babe in Bethlehem, wee lamb, sweet dove,
Is God's great gift to man, for God is love.

Shall we not bring today our little all
And lay it at His feet and worship Him?
Shall we not crown Him glorious Lord of all?
While He in turn will cleanse our heart from sin.
Into our souls will fly the Holy Dove,
To prove eternally that God is love.

Pastor R. A. Reynolds.

"FROM CRADLE TO CROSS"

By J. R. Lundie

In Bethlehem, a Child was born
Within a cattle shed.
Upon a sacred Christmas morn
In a manger-cradle bed.
Of poor and lowly birth He came
So gentle, meek and mild.
His mother, Mary, smiling on
Her Heaven-sent Holy Child.

The Wise Men journeyed from afar
By faith were safely led,
Preceded by a guiding star
That stood still o'er His bed.
With gifts they came to worship Him
That pure One undefiled
With myrrh and frankincense and gold
For the blessed Saviour-child.

A gifted life of power and love
In His Father's temple-shrine.
Teaching and working miracle
Restoring lame and blind.
He raised the helpless widow's son
And Lazarus from the dead.
With five small loaves and fishes two
A multitude He fed.

A graceful tender flower of peace
So fragrant, pure and fair,
To grow and bloom on a sin-cursed earth
And scent the foulest air.
Despised, rejected by the world
Of scoffing, jeer and hiss,
And furthermore was false-betrayed
Deceitful Judas kiss.
Reviled, misunderstood,
Rebuked with scorn and tempted so,

Misrepresented, misbelieved
Was One so sweet and good.
And step by step they tracked Him down,
His head with grief was bowed.
Away with Him and crucify
Came the cry from a ruthless crowd.

He prayed within the garden there
Of dark Gethsemane.
O Father, if it be Thy will
Remove this cup from Me,
Be it Thy will that I should die
Turn Me not back He cries.
I'll drink for Thee the cup of death
And drain it to its dregs.

That persecuted Lamb of God
As He stood in Pilate's hall,
Mock-tried, condemned by angry crowds
That marked Him for the fall.
And as they led Him forth to die
With words of cheer, said He,
Thou daughters of Jerusalem
O, weep ye not for Me!

A star that lit a darkened world
How sad for Him who came.
So crushed and bruised and made to bear
The cross of sin and shame.
A holy, pure and blameless life
Of thirty years and three.
A willing blood-bought sacrifice
To ransom you and me

The final stage of a life divine
A sorrowful closing scene,
Wending His way to that hill so grey,
Despised — sweet Nazarene.
On the cross of death so rough and rude,
They nailed God's precious Son:
He bled and died on Calvary
His Father's will was done.

The world is just the same today
As it was when Christ was here.
No time, no place, where He can rest
And His coming again is near.
To the worldly-wise, whom His cross
despise
He will say as He shuts the door,
Depart from Me, I know you not
Lost, lost forevermore.

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